Gentlemen

Paris Dec^r 12 1776

Just as I had closed my Dispatches by the Generals Deflandre & Baron de Kalb I was most agreeably surprized with a Letter from D^r Franklin at Nantz who had arrived after 30 Days passage with 2 Prizes. I hourly expect him here but knowing of his Arrival I instantly dispatched this (with a Duplicate to Havre de Grace by the Pilot) by the Express sailing thence, & have only time to inform you that I sent an express instantly to M^r Lee to join us here without delay for the News of M^r Franklins Arrival may occasion this Friend & Ally being forbid coming from London to France nothing has for along Time Occasioned greater Speculation than the Event & Cast of Affairs here are called by every Measure & Step Congress them You will not suppose with England & yet we dare not attempt. To express the Pleasure I feel on the occasion & the Remove of Once Difficulties under which I have been constantly in Danger of sinking I may not add as I shall miss the Post, but am with grateful & Respectful Compliments

Gentlemen Your &c

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Messrs. Morris Lee &c &c —

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